

Little Stories for Bedtime



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Lucky Peter Rabbit.

Some folks seem to have been born lucky, some seem to have been born unlucky, and some are so lucky part of the time and so unlucky the rest of the time that it is sometimes quite hard to say which they are. Peter Rabbit is that kind. He is dreadfully unlucky in getting into all kinds of scrapes, and then wonderfully lucky in getting out of them again. Now, with most people there isn't any such thing as luck. No, sir, there isn't.

When the winter has been very long and cold and hard and food has been very scarce Chipmunk doesn't mind. He comes out in the spring as saucy and peevish as ever. He has had plenty to eat all winter, and it always makes him smile when some of his neighbors tell him that he was lucky. He knows better. There was no luck about it. He worked hard, ever so hard, to store away that food and make sure that he had plenty. Many and many a time the little people of the Green Meadows have thought that Reddy Fox would surely be caught by Bowser the Hound, and when Reddy has escaped they have said that he was lucky. Nothing of the kind! Reddy had just used his wits and fooled Bowser the Hound.

So there isn't nearly so much luck in this world as some people think. Most of what people call good luck is nothing but the result of hard work or smart wits, or both, and most of what people call bad luck is nothing but the result of carelessness or laziness or stupidity. But sometimes it seems as if there's such a thing as real luck. It was that way with Peter Rabbit when he tried to follow Rusty to her storehouse in the Green Forest. He saw her start from the sweet clover patch out on the Green Meadows. She went up until she was only a tiny speck and then she started in a straight line for the Green Forest and Peter started after her. But he hadn't made three jumps before he found that he must look where he was going, and he couldn't do that and look up in the sky at the same time. And so, of course, he lost sight of Rusty.

"Anyways," said Peter to himself, "she's new in this direction, and there is no place for a storehouse until she reaches the Green Forest, so if I keep right on going I may find the place if I keep my eyes open when I reach the Green Forest."



"WHY," EXCLAIMED PETER, "IT SOUNDS JUST LIKE THE HUMMING OF BUSY BEE."

So, though Peter was disappointed at losing sight of Rusty, he so soon, he didn't let a little thing like that bother him much. It isn't Peter's way. "It can't be helped and so I'll make the best of it," said Peter, which was quite like Peter and a very wise way of looking at the matter.

Now, though Peter fully intended to go just as straight to the Green Forest as a straight line could be made, he didn't. You see, it isn't Peter's way to travel very far in a straight line. He takes advantage of every little bit of old grass and every bush to hide. And so he runs a little way to this side and then a little way to the other side, and then very far in a straight line. It was just that way this time and so when he reached the Green Forest it wasn't at all where Rusty was, flying in a straight line, had ended it. Peter didn't know this and he went on eagerly looking up in the tree-tops for a glimpse of Rusty, but never getting it.

So Peter went deeper and deeper into the Green Forest and he wandered this way and he wandered that way. Finally Peter stopped at the foot of a big tree to rest. He had given up all hope of finding the storehouse of Rusty, and he was tired and disappointed. He sat there for a long time thinking it all over. By and by he became aware of a humming sound. At first he didn't think much about it, but after awhile he began to wonder what it was and where it came from. Then he noticed that when his head was close to the tree it sounded louder.

Why, exclaimed Peter, with the most surprised look on his face, "it sounds just like the humming of Rusty Bee and I know it comes from inside this very tree!"

He looked up. There, way up near the top of a little hole and in and out of it were coming and going all of Rusty Bee's relatives. Peter had found Rusty Bee's storehouse. Lucky Peter Rabbit!

Pointed Paragraphs.
Many fatted sons pose as fatted calves.
Courage is a thing you always have until you need it.
But a girl doesn't mind having red hair unless nature so endowed her.
A boy's first love is usually old enough to be his mother.
A false friend is a brass link in the golden chain.
Sometimes a handsome man can earn a living in spite of it.
The man who never becomes discouraged is the man who gets there.
A town no sooner acquires a boom than it wants to hold it in position.
Optimism saves up a little sunshine for a rainy day.
One thing in favor of gossip—they never talk about themselves.
After a man gets on the shady side of life he seldom menders around with a ship on his shoulder.
About the time a man discovers that he is a victim of misplaced confidence he also discovers that some of his money was misplaced simultaneously.

Bored Him Frightfully.
From Pegroom's Weekly.
On at least one occasion Lord North, the famous English statesman, was not asleep.
A long-winded speaker who was attacking him exclaimed: "Even now, when voices of warning and protestation are raised against him, the noble lord is asleep!"
"I wish to heaven I were!" North murmured.

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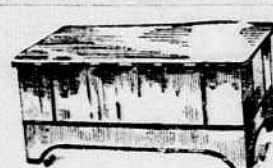
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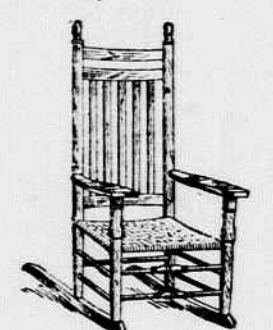
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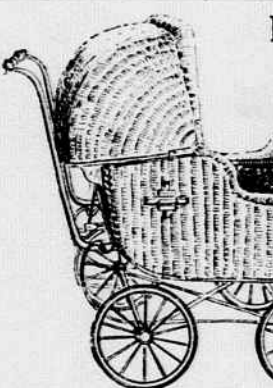


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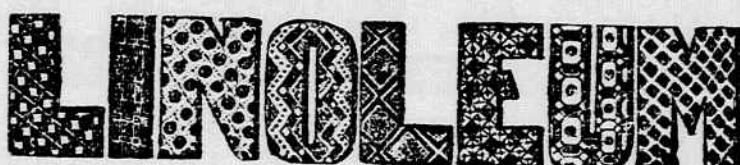
Note the pleasing English lines of this go-cart. The body is of wood highly polished; hood is adjustable and covered with leatherette; all steel gears and best grade heavy rubber tires.

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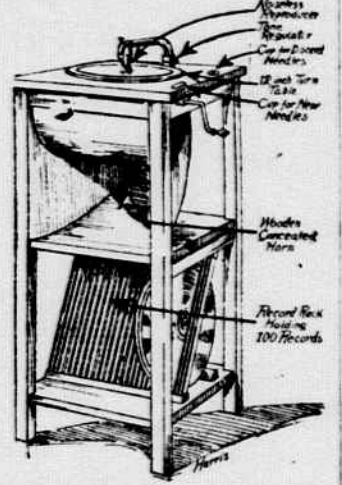
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40 ARTICLES FREE

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the many kitchen items, a roomy flour bin and sifter. The three doors are fitted with frosted glass, adding greatly to the appearance of the cabinet.

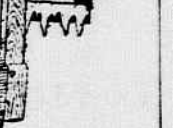
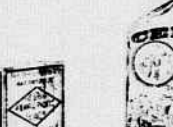
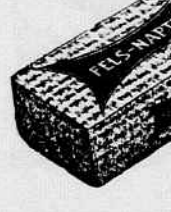
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We are not giving away these forty articles, but the manufacturers and retailers have agreed to give them to all the purchasers of these cabinets. There are forty different articles, as enumerated below.

These Are the 40 Free Articles

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| 1 package Plaza Tea. | 1 can Maryland Chief Peas. |
| 1 package Havenner's Wafers. | 1 can Maryland Chief Tomatoes. |
| 1 package Havenner's Takoma Bread. | 1 can Wagner's Pork and Beans. |
| 1 bottle Rex Brand Tomato Catsup. | 1 jar Van Lill Preserves. |
| 1 bottle Hunter's Floor Oil. | 1 can Sharpless Evaporated Milk. |
| 1 bottle Hunter's Cedar Spray. | 1 package Sea Gull Baking Powder. |
| 1 lb. can Oriental Coffee. | 1 can Vulcanol Stove Polish. |
| Holmes & Sons Pie. | 1 package Mabis Biscuit. |
| 1/2 pt. can Pompeian Olive Oil. | 1 package Davis Baking Powder. |
| 1 lb. Oyster's Star Brand Butter. | 1 can Golden Crown Syrup. |
| 1 can West Company's Disinfectant. | 1 package Royal Tapioca. |
| 1 can Noxall Liquid Burnisher. | 1 package Borax Cleanser. |
| 1 package Ivory Starch. | 5-piece Kitchen Set, consisting of: |
| 1 package Takoma Biscuit. | cleaver, meat saw, carving knife, |
| 1 package Bull Frog Flour. | bread knife, sharpening stone, can |
| 1 package Argo Gloss Starch. | opener, paring knife and pot fork. |
| 1 package Kingsford Corn Starch. | 1 cake of Fels-Naptha Soap. |
| 1 package He-No Tea. | 1 quart of Fussell's Ice Cream. |

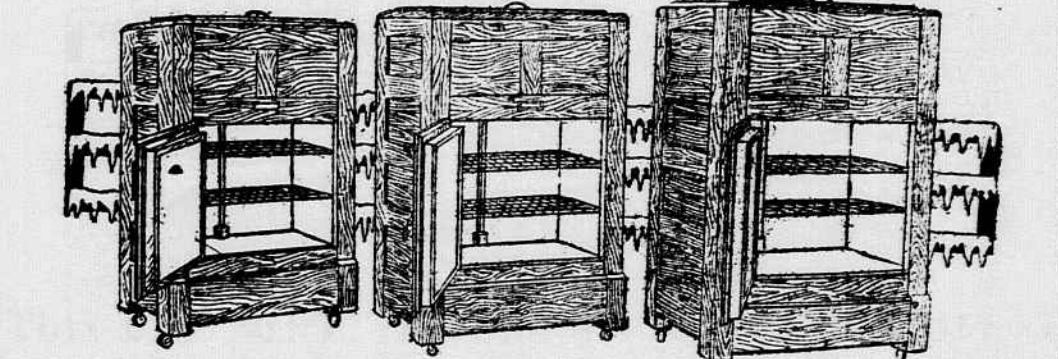


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